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CSZ February Update

At its January meeting, the Va'ad voted to publish the Forward every other month for the rest of this year fiscal year. We are sending this Update to all CSZ members and to Forward subscribers.

UPDATE ON CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV'S FINANCIAL SITUATION

Over the last month, the Va'ad approved two cost cutting measures to reduce the current year's projected deficit. The first measure is a significant reduction in our office staff and the other is a switch to a bimonthly newsletter. These two actions are expected to reduce our deficit by \$9,000, leaving us with an expected \$20,000 shortfall of revenues relative to expenses for the current fiscal year ending June 30. The special assessment, which the congregation passed at our congregational meeting on January 6th, should reduce this remaining deficit substantially.

By now all members should have received a letter requesting payment of the Special Assessment and completion of the dues pledge form, asking for your dues commitment for the upcoming fiscal year. *It is vital that you send back the completed dues pledge form immediately* so that the Va'ad can accurately prepare next year's budget. Without having a good idea of how much dues revenue CSZ can anticipate receiving during the next fiscal year, the Va'ad may be forced to budget a significantly reduced level of services. Again, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

CONCERNED AND ANXIOUS ABOUT THE GULF WAR?

Sha'ar Zahav has responded to the war in the gulf and the threat to Israel in a variety of different

ways. The first night missiles attacked Israel, we opened the sanctuary so that people could gather. At two Friday evening services, I led an open discussion about people's concerns and feelings. Also, on Jan. 23, we had a **Gathering for Peace and Solidarity with Israel**. Approximately one hundred people gathered to sing, pray, listen to four CSZ members discuss how conflicted they each are about the proper response and share our own concerns, positions and issues. I know that each of us yearns for a world at peace and for Israel to exist in safety and stability. We can differ about what the best response is at this time.

Many people have experienced renewed anti-Semitism and Israel-bashing in recent weeks. The synagogue will continue its role as a safe gathering place where our feelings and our conflicts can be expressed and explored without denial or condemnation. If events warrant, we will schedule additional special services and gatherings; please call the synagogue office for the latest information. Last minute events will be announced on the answering machine. [Rabbi Yoel Kahn]

If you are emotionally stressed, Jewish Family and Children's Services has created a telephone hotline, as well as drop-in groups to help people deal with their concerns and anxieties about the Gulf War. The hotline number is 931-8578. For information on drop-in groups, call 567-8860.

TU B'SHEVAT TREE PLANTING AND CELEBRATION

Celebrate with us the festival of Tu B'Shevat, The Renewal of Nature, on Saturday February 2, beginning at 11:00 and continuing until 2:00 in Joaquin Miller Park, Oakland. Bring your family

and friends for children's, family, and adult programs, as well as a pot-luck lunch. Call Beverly Hewitt for details, pot-luck planning and directions at 626-04704.

WORK OR LIVE IN THE EAST BAY?

The Ritual Committee is pleased to announce monthly Friday evening services in the East Bay. If you usually find yourself too tired to drive to San Francisco by the end of a busy week, you don't necessarily have to miss praying with Sha'ar Zahav!

The first service and potluck oneg is on February 15 at 8:15 pm in the Oakland home of Keith Barton and Steve Rosenberg. East Bay CSZ members will receive a letter with particulars by the first week of February. Like all our services, these are open to all. If you don't live in the East Bay or don't receive a letter, call Steve Greenberg at 357-2027 for details.

The March Forward will list the location of the next East Bay Service, which will be on March 8.

CONGREGATIONAL PASSOVER SEDER
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Join us in celebrating Passover at our annual Congregational Seder on Saturday, March 30 at Fort Mason's Officer's Club. Reservation forms and more details will be in the March Forward, and as in the past, space is severely limited, so respond quickly. The cost will be \$22.00 for members and \$27.00 for guests. Subsidies will be available for children under 11 and others by request. A few willing volunteers are needed to make Haroset and for set-up. Call Shirley Liberman at 863-7500 ext 123.

CSZ CO-SPONSORS READING

Jyl Felman, a lesbian Jewish author will give a reading in our sanctuary Thursday, February 27 at 7:30 pm. This event is co-sponsored by Congregation Sha'ar Zahav and Bridges Magazine. For more information, please call Ruth Atkin at 652-7107.

SPIRITUAL GATHERING: A LITURGY
FOR HEALING

"A Liturgy for Healing" is the theme of a spiritual gathering at CSZ on Shabbat afternoon, Feb. 16th at 4 pm. Co-sponsored by CSZ and the JFCS AIDS Project, the liturgy and gathering are open to all who are living with life-threatening illness, mourning a loss or simply seek to come together for an afternoon of Jewish spirituality. Rabbi Yoel Kahn and members of the Ritual Committee will lead a service and, of course, an oneg and Havdalah will follow. For more information, please call Rabbi Kahn at the synagogue office or Bert Bloom at JFCS [567-8860].

PURIM

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav will hold its annual Purim celebration on March 2 beginning at 6:30 with the children's party and continuing at 8:00 for the adults. There will be music and dancing; and bakers be aware that there will be a hamantashen bake-off. All of you interested in working with make-up and costumes are encouraged to volunteer to help decorate the children. For more information about the celebration or to offer your services call Jeff Rubin at 334-7423.

CAMP SWIG REGISTRATION

Name(s):

Address:

Telephone #:

Rides: I/We need a ride: _____

I can take _____ passengers.

I will be departing from: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Please make your check payable to CSZ and return to the synagogue office by February 22. Limited scholarships may be available. Complete information about the weekend will be sent with registration.

The Second Annual CSZ Weekend at Camp Swig,
March 15-17

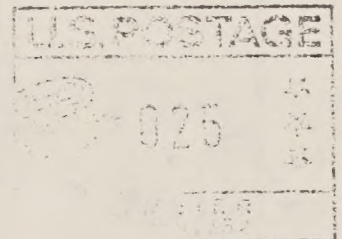
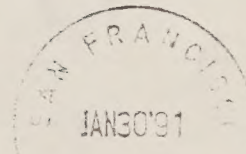
"Personalizing the Haggadah"

Join with other CSZ members of all ages to celebrate, study and have fun together in the beautiful, peaceful setting of UAHC Camp Swig in the Santa Cruz mountains. Together, we will explore our own personal journeys towards freedom as we study the form and themes of the traditional Haggadah. Each participant and family will create a personal Haggadah over the course of the weekend.

This weekend is open to all CSZ members: elder, younger, single or part of a family. Separate tracks for adults and children as well as communal activities are planned throughout the weekend. The cost of the weekend is \$ 65 for adults and \$45. for children 6-12. \$40 (3-5) and under 2 - free. Please register as soon as possible; the final deadline for registration is February 22. Registration form is on page 2.

For more information, please call Judith Cohen (621-6218) or Sylvia Weisenberg (665-1912).

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CSZ EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

3 10:00am Tu B'Shevat Planting/Seder - Oakland	4	5 7:30pm Kabbalah Class - Oneq 7:45pm Prayers and Prayerbooks - Library	6 7:15pm Cont. Prayerbook Hebrew 8:30pm Modern Jewish Philosophies	7 6:30pm Long Range Planning Meeting 7:30pm Children's Education Committee	1 8:15pm Services/ Susan Gelman & Scott Mezistrano	2 11:00am Tu B'Shevat Picnic - Joaquin Miller Park
10 6:30pm Va'ad Meeting--Oneq room	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday 7:30pm Kabbalah Class - Oneq 7:45pm Prayers and Prayerbooks - Library	13 7:15pm Cont. Prayerbook Hebrew 8:30pm Modern Jewish Philosophies	14 Valentine's Day	15 Services/Daniel Chesin & Tiel Chalmers East Bay Services/ Steve Greenberg	16 12:30pm Twice Blessed/Discussion of Conversion
17 President's Day	18	19 7:30pm Kabbalah Class - Oneq 7:45pm Prayers and Prayerbooks - Library	20 7:15pm Cont. Prayerbook Hebrew 8:30pm Modern Jewish Philosophies	21 7:30pm Bikkur Cholim--Library	22 Childcare available Services/ Services/Rabbi Kahn & Frank Nasson	23 9:30am Kadinah/ Child. Chavurah Parents Program 10:30am Services/ Rabbi Kahn & Kathy Simon
24 10:30am Kaiser Brunch--Kaiser Hosp., SF	25	26 7:30pm Kabbalah Class - Oneq 7:45pm Prayers and Prayerbooks - Library	27 Purim - Megillah reading Rabbi Kahn, Daniel Chesin, Lina Zerberini	28 Purim 6:30pm Ritual Committee--Library 7:30pm Social Action Committee-- Oneq Rm.		